

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 15:

The resulting VOB monomer composition may include a mixture of hydroxymethyl-substituted fatty acids or fatty acid esters comprising in terms of hydroxy distribution from greater than about 10, preferably greater than about 25, to less than about 95 percent monoalcohol {that is, mono(hydroxymethyl)}, from greater than about 1 to less than about 65 percent diol {that is, di(hydroxymethyl)}, and from greater than about 0.1 to less than about 10 percent triol {that is, tri(hydroxymethyl)}, by weight, based on the total weight of the composition. Furthermore, the ratio of the diol to triol may be greater than 5/1.

Please add the following new paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 18:

In one embodiment, when the VOB polyol includes A3, the total weight of A1+A2+A3 may include an amount of A1 of greater than about 10, preferably greater than about 25, to less than about 95 percent, an amount of A2 of greater than about 1 to less than about 65 percent, and an amount of A3 of greater than about 0.1 to less than about 10 percent by weight, based on the total weight A1+A2+A3. Furthermore, the ratio of the A2 to A3 may be greater than 5/1.